

Kentucky eHealth Summit

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Meaningful Use Panel

Addressing Real-World Issues and Overcoming
Challenges



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Agenda



Finalized Flexibility Rule: Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, CMIO, UK HealthCare, Executive Director KY REC, Vice Chair, HIMSS

Meaningful Use Hot Topics from the MU panel: KY Regional Extension Center, Northeastern Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization, KY EHR Incentive Program, HealthBridge and the Kentucky Health Information Exchange

Remaining Questions and Answers

Flexibility Rule from CMS

On **September 4, 2014** CMS published a **finalized Flexibility Rule** that will help more providers use certified EHR technology. The rule changed the following for providers and hospitals:

- Meaningful use stage timeline
- Definition of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT)
- Requirements for the reporting of CQMs
- Added flexibility for attestation

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-21021>

CMS Recognized...

- EHR products certified later than expected.
- Limited availability by large number of providers and hospitals needing to upgrade.
- Backlog for updated versions to be installed and fully implemented.

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-21021>

CMS Finalized...

To allow providers and hospitals that could not implement 2014 Edition CEHRT in CY and FFY 2014 due to delays, to:

- A. Continue to use **2011 Edition CEHRT**
- B. Use a **combination of 2011 and 2014 Edition CEHRT**
- OR
- C. Continue to use **2014 CEHRT**

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2014 Participation Options

Under the rule, you may use 2011 Edition CEHRT, and you have the option to attest to the 2013 Stage 1 objectives and the 2013 definition CQMs.

Below are the participation options for 2014 based on the Edition of EHR certification you are currently using:

2011 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1 or Stage 2:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#)

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#); or
- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- 2013 Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; or
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; or
- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#); or
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

New Rule Adds Flexibility

- For providers that have not been able to fully implement their 2014 CEHRT, the rule provides some flexibility
- You must document your reasons to fall back
- **All providers will need to be on 2014 CEHRT in 2015**



GOAL

But, You May Feel Like This

- You may have questions regarding:
 - The definition of the phrase “fully implement”
 - Your attestation timelines
 - Your Meaningful Use plans and goals (Stage 1, Stage 2, etc.)
 - Workflow changes that you may implement due to the new rule



REALITY

Something to Think About



**There is no
cookie-cutter
answer to meet
your needs.**

***Every provider
and every
situation is
unique and must
be assessed
individually.***

**We Can Help Make
Your Goal a Reality!**

Hot Topics: Meaningful Use Panel

- **CEHRT Editions**
 - 2011; 2011 & 2014; 2014
 - 2014 CEHRT required in 2015 for MU
 - “Fully implemented”
- **MU Stages and Added Flexibility**
 - Stage 1 in 2014:
 - **2011 CEHRT:** 2013 S1 objectives*
 - **2011 & 2014 CEHRT:** 2013 S1 objectives * **OR** 2014 S1 objectives*
 - **2014 CEHRT:** 2014 S1 objectives
 - Stage 2 in 2014
 - **2011 CEHRT:** 2013 S1 objectives*
 - **2011 & 2014 CEHRT:** 2013 S1 objectives **OR** 2014 S1 objectives *
OR S2 objectives *
 - **2014 CEHRT:** 2014 S1* **OR** S2 objectives
- **Transitions of Care**
- **Privacy and Security Recommendations**
- **Public Health Reporting in KY**
- **Payment Adjustments, Hardships & Timelines**
- **Audits**
- **CQM reporting in 2014 and beyond**

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